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Shirley J. Warehime ,Treasurer Montana Republican State Central Committee 1419-B Helena Ave. Helena, MT 59601

Identification Number:

C00008086

Reference:

Year End Report (11/24/98-12/31/98)

Dear Ms. Warehime:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-The beginning cash balance of this report should equal the ending balance of your 30 Day Post-General Report. Please clarify this discrepancy and amend any subsequent report(s) that may be affected by this correction.

-The totals listed on Line 6(c), 11(a)(i), 11(a)(ii), 11(a)(iii), 11(d), 12 and 19 Column B of the Summary and Detailed Summary Page appear to be incorrect. Please be advised that you should add the "Calendar Year-to-Date" total from your previous report to the current "Total This Period" figure from Column A to derive the correct Column B total. Please amend your report and any subsequent reports that may be affected by this correction.

-Your EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE calculations for Administrative/Voter Drive are incorrect. EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE totals for administrative and voter drive costs are derived by aggregating all disbursements during the calendar year for the whole Administrative/Voter Drive category. EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE totals for fundraising, direct candidate support, and exempt activities are derived by aggregating all disbursements during the calendar year within a specific event. These should be calculated by adding the latest disbursement for a category or event to the previous

EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE total for that category or event. This running EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE total should be disclosed after each disbursement is listed. Please amend your report by providing the correct EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE totals.

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530. My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

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